Mark Lane vs David Atlee Phillips, USC (1977)

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This is only the last part, I think (?) the first part is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OEpuQD0whQ - They aren't seamless, so some is clearly missing from the middle. I was hoping it would be the cut of Phillips discussing Oswald and Mexico City, but it doesn't appear to be that - or it could be the bit which is missing.

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r.1. Donald Freed. -- r.2. Ramona Ripston. -- r.3. Mr. Phillips, C.I.A. agent ; Mark Lane, investigator. -- r.4. Phillips and Lane (cont.).

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on which was the initial question raised by mr. Lane what is the function of the CIA if any in a society and that has not been addressed and I would like that question to be faced before we move along would you make a comment on that and then mr. Lane there is an organization in Washington called the Brookings Institution has a great deal of prestige puts out regular reports which have to do with the conditions that might be threats to the United States I think it was last November they put out that annual report and they said the energy crisis does this and that any other but that year as in every previous year the Brookings Institute said that the threat the potential threat at the top of the list against the well-being of the United States was the possibility of a conflict with the Soviet Union we are now going through a period called ATandT everyone feels differently it seems about the time some people think it's great some people are distrustful but nevertheless we're going through the period and I think most people believe it's a heck of a lot better than things were before however the Brookings Institution also put out a report about the same time which showed that since World War two American presidents have elected on something like 224 occasions to use US military might or the threat of it sometimes the American presidents decided to send the troops into the Dominican Republic sometimes they just sailed up and down a coast but on an

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sailed up and down a coast but on an average of once a month since World War two they decided to do that looks to me like that records improving given those conditions I think we have to have an in service to know what others are doing I guess I sum it up this way to American tourists went to the zoo in Moscow and they looked in the cage and they saw a bear and a lamb in the same cage and they said well this is amazing we've never seen anything like this so they call over the guard and said what is this the bear in the lamb in the same cage and the guards at oldest is to prove that coexistence is possible this is to prove that the tonked can work and the tourists said well it really is amazing and the guard looked around to be sure that no one was listening and he said of course we have to change the lamb every day I think in the final analysis that our country has to be one of those prepared to watch out for the Lambs of the world in a sense we the American people are among the Lambs of the world I think Dick Gregory not a scholar in this field in bitly but I think summed it up really best he said what more can you say about the CIA after you find out that they

released live bacteria in the New York City subway system to see which direction they would go in and how fast because we always thought that Intelligence Agency of an enemy would do that to us during wartime then we found it was our own Intelligence Agency doing it to us during peacetime what eyeball should say I know I would not well yeah I would abolish this CIA and I would and I would abolish the Nazi clique within the Central Intelligence Agency which has for so many years corrupted the rights of the American people but of course there has to be an intelligence organization and it should be an intelligence organization which is not the kind of intelligence organization which would service a

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organization which would service a totalitarian state achieve it should be a toad a intelligence organization designed to serve the needs of a Democratic Society which means no efforts to kill people throughout the world obviously an organization which has no jurisdiction whatever to act with in this country just like to read a very short statement by before mr. Klein fled this morning he said you may recall that the only defector from the CIA was Philip Agee I don't know what that word defective means the victim Marchetti hasn't been too kind to the CIA's the highest executive that organization speaking about it frankly this is George O'Toole is the chief of the problems analysis branch we should have an organization an intelligence organization so that when someone resigns from it a man who's exercised a very important high position he doesn't feel compelled to write what George O'Toole has written I didn't call Phillips to ask him the name of the publisher I just filled that in for him I wouldn't say the CIA assassinated President Kennedy either not because I'm convinced as Phillips's that the agency didn't do it but because like most other present and former CIA employees I simply don't know some years ago I wrote that I found the proposition the CIA killed President Kennedy to be unbelievable how unbelievable about as unbelievable as the idea that the CIA hired the Mafia to kill people that it conspired to assassinate the leaders of foreign countries of whom it disapproved that has spiked innocent unsuspecting people's coffee with LSD then cover up the reason they jumped from windows that it stockpiled deadly poison in violation of a presidential order that an illegally opened mail and otherwise spied on Americans etc of course to claim ignorance of these things is to risk sounding like the piano player in the whorehouse who professed not to know what went on upstairs we should have an intelligence organization so that when the people the honorable people who retired from it they do not feel compelled to write about their years of service in this fashion one final

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service in this fashion one final question the gentleman the blue time I've been trying to put this all together it's not exactly a strange area for me but aback right after World War two ended before the Army Intelligence disbanded in the Orient one major general was try was they attempted to recruit him for the CIA and he said no I'm going home and raised my children and the clinching argument for the CIA recruiter well you better come go with us because in 25 years we intend to run the United States now put together that 25 years Nixon and the rather dubious reputation of the CIA what happened or has it happened I infer from your question has the CIA really got to the point where it does run things as was depicted on the television series the other night if the CIA had the power to run this country would it really have let itself fall into this low disrepute that it's in now well what happened in the 25 years since someone talked I'm convinced that a great many decent Americans men and women 1/3 of the people who work at CI are women were in a profession which has been practiced as long as the well it's the second oldest profession and they have believed that they were doing a job that was necessary and they did it because their government asked them to do those things there are a lot of them now that believe the things that they did were wrong but

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the things that they did were wrong but it doesn't do any good to come with tears in your eyes but what happened was that they got into trouble because American presidents and American secretaries of state adopted policies that called for covert action and secret operations it seems to me it's that set of now in all fairness and I have asked those speakers it seems to me that each gentleman should have the right to make

one final statement it will never be final but at least it will terminate this discussion and since you went first maybe you should make the statement and then he follow or would you whichever you prefer do we mustn't flip another coin oh why don't you go first all right earlier I asked two questions I haven't received a direct answer or even an indirect answer and they remain for you mr. Phillips what do you know of the relationship between clay Shaw and the Central Intelligence Agency since it has been established beyond question that there was a long continuing relationship between clay Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald if you don't know anything about that how can you tell us that there is no relationship at all between Lee Harvey Oswald and the Central Intelligence Agency are you aware of the fact that the CIA has now released documents showing a close continuing relationship with Clay Shaw going back to 1955 eight years before the assassination of President Kennedy are you willing to way waive the rights that accrue to you through the claim that I am a public figure if I wish to bring an action against you for the false fam'ly Tory material that you have read to this audience through the newspapers of the Washington Post in the New York Times those are two questions I have not finished those just two questions that I'd like to offer to you

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questions that I'd like to offer to you I'd like to conclude the way I began and that is by thanking University of Southern California which seems to me to be a rather unlikely place for this the first historic change take place know I've been here 20 years that's marvelous that's really good it just seems to me this unusual this is the first place with such a debate would take place given the look at the Board of Trustees at the USC and I think it's marvelous I think so a remarkable thing but the debate and the exchange is taking place I want to thank you particularly doctor for the fairness with which you have moderated this program and if on occasion some of us myself first of all or Tito geraci or perhaps dr. Ellsberg later or others who have been maligned and victimized by the illegal unfair tactics of these intelligence agencies show a bit of emotion about it I hope you will forgive us our emotion there were three parts to your question about place Shaw first of all no I never knew him I never knew of any CIA connection with him and if there are a series of documents proving that I was not aware of it the second part from that point oh and I didn't quite understand more doesn't that what does that prove about Lee Harvey Oswald there are CIA documents which show a relationship between the CIA I'm quite sure there's no question but you're not familiar with that how can you tell us that there is no relationship whatsoever between Lee Harvey Oswald which part the second part that I'm in reference to the relationship with yes but I thought that the garrison thing had been completely discredited yeah I know that we've shown you the

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yeah I know that we've shown you the documents I could show you the documents which the CIA [__] thoroughly describe the garrison investigation but that doesn't they're right but that does not dispose of the question and the question which the jurors passed on as I said earlier every single juror every one of them who heard the testimony at the white Citizens Council the black members of the Congress of racial equality the others involvement really unlikely conspiratorial group who all testify about the close continuing relationship ice the CIA's efforts to disparage Jimmy garrison and to discredit him that body of evidence is a very important body of evidence remains they're totally unrefuted by the CIA by mr. Shaw add to that the CIA's admission now mr. Shaw I thought mr. Shaw was dead add to that the admission is by the Central Intelligence Agency of their close continuing relationship with a shot back to eight years before this period is one he was involved that being given we have the documents we have the testimony how can you sit here since you don't know anything about that and say categorically as you did oz wolf had no relationship the CIA but I'm saying is based on us or I'd make a hypothesis based on the facts available to me and I say that I'm convinced that he was not obviously there could be some super operation and they're not going to come tell Dave Phillips about it I say I am convinced on the evidence available to me and I do not buy the idea that because there was a connection between Clay Shaw and the CIA if there was one and Lee Harvey Oswald that necessarily proves that the see I used clay Shaw to do this I really had thought that all the Clay Shaw

business had been considered by nearly all serious critics as just something that we didn't consider anymore Lauren should we haven't gone to those other CIA conduits from the Harvey Oswald but just this one if you're not coming with that body of evidence and I

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coming with that body of evidence and I don't think you should be traveling around the country saying the CIA no contact the disclaimer no I am NOT going to say that I'll do that because I think I'll consult two brothers who are lawyers first one reason being that I have five kids as in through college and I couldn't afford the cost of winning a suit are we gonna finish or make one final sentence okay I feel I have to explain two things about using the New York Times in the Washington Post as sources today the reason that happened was this I came here and I had a certain idea from the correspondent sent to me about what kind of meeting this was going to be I walked in this morning and watched and boy I've got to be pretty hot this morning and then I saw my former colleague ray Klein leave and as I started to go up the stairs there was almost a fight going on and I thought this really is different than I thought it was and when I first started lecturing a short time ago my lecture agent said never speak more than 55 minutes and don't ever have a drink before you speak a lot of cited I've got her to two things go back to my room and have a good drink and get some newspaper clippings because I made up my mind that I would not attack you personally no I brought them with me I brought the women I really don't I don't understand that you see there's something wrong in knowing that you're gonna go across the country to debate a ban and not bring a newspaper clipping that you have about it finally I ought to say one thing I have not said that there was not a conspiracy to kill Jack Kennedy the statement was

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to kill Jack Kennedy the statement was made earlier by Mark himself quoting my book I've been talking about those things I know about and what I'm convinced I don't know what happened what I'm trying to say today is let's find out the investigation has now been going on for almost a year and in the meantime let's don't do it with gamesmanship may we thank our participants [Music] what that was a spirited bait

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